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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via the Office electronic filing system on July 7, 2008
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This is a **request for continued examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. 10/580,388 filed on February 16, 2007 entitled **CONNECTING ELEMENT, METHOD FOR BUS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A CONTROL UNIT FOR ACTIVATING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEANS AS MASTER AND AT LEAST ONE CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR WEIGHT MEASUREMENT IN A SEAT AS SLAVE, AND BUS SYSTEM.** The following constitutes the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

☒ Rule 116 Amendment (previously mailed and filed on May 15, 2008)

☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Drawing Changes
☐ Other Submission:

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached. Amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						810.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	MINUS	20	0	50.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	0	210.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					370.00	
				Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	810.00
If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.						SMALL ENTITY TOTAL 00

2. Applicants hereby respectfully request a **one-month extension of time** in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated march 13, 2008 for which a response period expiring on June 13, 2008 was set. The extended period expires on July 13, 2008.
3. **The \$930.00 fee** (\$120.00 of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee and the required RCE submission filing fee of \$810.00) **is being paid by credit card.**
4. Notwithstanding the above paragraph 3, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. **11-0600**, payment of any additional fees required in connection with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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